

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 301 – HB 961**

March 3, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Allows adjunct faculty to participate in the *Brian Byrge Act*.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue - \$19,200/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/  
Tennessee Board of Regents**

**Forgone State Revenue - \$19,200/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/  
Tennessee Board of Regents**

**Assumptions:**

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann § 49-7-158, the *Brian Byrge Act* allows part-time employees of a community college system or Tennessee colleges of applied technology (TCATs) to be eligible for a waiver for enrollment in one free course, per term, at the college or TCAT the individual is employed.
- Tennessee Board of Regents TBR provides that:
  - 490 part-time employees are currently eligible for the waiver and that of those only 15 part-time employees used the waiver and enrolled in a total of 84 credit hours.
  - 2,612 adjunct employees will be eligible for the waiver upon passage of the legislation.
  - Adjunct employees are assumed to only take half the amount of credit hours as part-time employees as adjuncts are likely to have a college degree or advance training.
  - The tuition and maintenance cost of one credit hour is \$171.
- Based on the same take up rate for waivers as part-time employees and assuming half the number of credit hours, an estimated 224 credit hours [(2,612 adjuncts x (84 credit hours / 490 part-time employee) / 2 half the amount] will be utilized.
- The total impact for the inclusion of one free course for adjunct employees is estimated to be \$38,304 (224 credit hours x \$171 tuition cost) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- TBR provides that currently there is no state appropriations for reimbursement for the *Brian Byrge Act*.
- It is estimated that half of these credit hours would have been taken in the absence of this legislation and tuition would have been paid; therefore, half of the impact is

considered foregone revenue while the other half is considered a decrease in state revenue.

- The recurring decrease in state revenue to TBR is estimated to be \$19,152 (\$38,304 x 50%) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.
- The recurring foregone state revenue to TBR is estimated to be \$19,152 (\$38,304 x 50%) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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